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Re: Docket Number **98P-0151/CP1**

To whom it may concern:

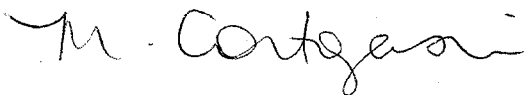
I am writing this letter so that it might help the FDA grant the above petition # and help stop the slaughter of downed animals.

I am not a vegetarian, though that seems like the route I will soon be taking, and I understand the needless slaughter of animals for "nourishment" is something I will not be able to change. But animals that are too sick and pose a health threat, should not be allowed into the human food chain, especially not fed to children through school lunch programs.

Animals that have been handicapped (lost a limb, broke a bone, etc..) by the food industry through its inhumane workings, should also be saved from the meat grinder.

Please take this letter (and the many others that you receive) into consideration when you grant **petition # 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.**

Sincerely,



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